

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Amend independent claim 1 to return independent claim 1 to the identical wording as that of US Patent 5,867,139.
2. Add new independent claim 18 (having the wording of independent claim 1 as initially appearing in this reissue application).
3. Add new dependent claims 19 – 27, dependent upon new independent claim 18, and corresponding to claims 2 – 10 of US Patent 5,867,139.

B. MISCELLANEOUS

The claim amendments are implemented with respect to the claims of the issued patent as required by 37 CFR §1.173(g). Hence, independent claim 1, which is now amended back to the wording of independent claim 1 of US Patent 5,867,139, has no markings to show changes (there being no changes relative to the issued patent).

Dependent claims 2 – 17 are unamended by this Preliminary Amendment, and are identical to claims 2 – 10 of US Patent 5,867,139.

The new claims 18 – 27 are formatted with underlining in accordance, e.g., with MPEP §1453 II. (B).

As previously explained, by filing this reissue Applicants seek to claim the subject matter of independent claim 1 of US Patent 5,867,139 more broadly. Therefore, to obtain the broader scope of protection, the common line limitation of new independent claim 18 employs the wording "to which a common signal is applied", rather than as worded in the

printed patent. Further, in connection with the pixel capacitance paragraph limitation of independent claim 1, the wording "one of electrodes of said pixel capacitance being connected to said common line" is instead utilized. The wording of new independent claim 18 is supported by the specification and Applicants' reissue declaration.

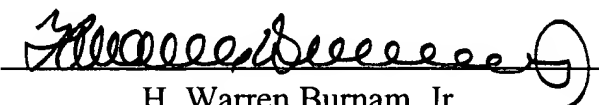
Thus, Applicants believe that they are entitled to the broader scope of coverage as presented in new independent claim 18 (and claims dependent thereon). In addition, by amending independent claim 1 back to its issued form, Applicants maintain claims according to the original issued scope.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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